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In re Application of
SEABRON ADAMSON
Application No. 10/034,294
Filed: December 21, 2001
Attorney Docket No. SAZ-002-01

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the "Petitions Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.181, 1.183 and 1.137(f)," filed June 12, 2002, which petitions are being treated solely under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.181 to withdraw the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's (USPTO's) erroneous acknowledgment of a nonpublication request.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is granted.

Petitioner requests under 37 CFR 1.181 that the USPTO correct an error in the filing receipt acknowledging receipt of a nonpublication request. Petitioner contends that no such nonpublication request was made at the time of filing of the application. Accordingly, it is requested that the USPTO withdraw the erroneous acknowledgment of nonpublication request and that the present application be accorded publication status.

A review of the application file fails to disclose the presence of a nonpublication request on filing. Accordingly, the USPTO's acknowledgment of a nonpublication request was in error and is hereby rescinded.

A corrected filing receipt which sets forth the projected publication date of October 24, 2002 accompanies this decision.

No fee has been assessed to the instant petition in view of USPTO error in acknowledging a nonpublication request not present on filing.¹

Any inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-8680.

Receipt is acknowledged of an extension of time fee of \$55, an executed Declaration for Patent Application and a \$65 surcharge fee for its late filing in reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed January 28, 2002.

This application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination Division for pre-examination processing.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frances Hicks", is written over the printed name.

Frances Hicks
Petitions Examiner
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ATTACHMENT: Corrected Filing Receipt

¹ The USPTO sincerely apologizes for the inconvenience caused petitioner in this matter.